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Recent Newspaper Article Concerning Richard Case NAGELL.

Reference: BERLIN 4071, 10 October 1968

Action required: FYI.

1. Forwarded as an attachment hereto is an article which appeared in the "Overseas Family" on 20 June 1969, written by Thomas C. LUCAS about Richard Case NAGELL, Subject of Reference.

2. According to the article NAGELL asserts that in August 1962 he was employed by the CIA. He further claims that the U.S. Government is forcibly keeping him separated from his family, a wife and two children. The story makes reference to his recent release from an East German prison, as reported in Reference, and states that the following persons were the case of characters involved at the time of his release: Andor KLAY, Chief of the Eastern Affairs Section of the U.S. Mission/Berlin; Wolfgang VOGEL, well known East Berlin attorney; Rickey S. NEW, wealthy Washington, D.C. attorney; Bruce A. PLATIN, Chief of the U.S. Berlin Mission's Public Safety Section, who NAGELL asserts is "a long-time CIA member and PLATIN is not his real name;" a doctor, Major George Raymond BABINEAU, a psychiatrist at the U.S. Army Hospital in Berlin; and an unidentified man.

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Attachment:

Newspaper article - a/c b/w

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3. The article does not make clear whether or not HAGELL is back in Germany at the present, nor do we have any information regarding his present whereabouts, other than the statement in the article that he is probably now in the United States. The Public Safety Officer/USBER advises us, however, that subsequent to his release from prison in East Germany in October 1968 he again visited West Berlin and contacted the Public Safety Office where he complained about not being able to locate his children.

4. There are no Berlin Base traces on the author of the article, Thomas C. LUCET. Since the article appears to be an effort to discredit the U.S. Government and certain officials of the government we would appreciate receiving any traces which Headquarters or the German Station may have.

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